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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 1-2, 15 & 19, drawn to a polypeptide (Phospholipase) of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, composition comprising the polypeptide and a method of treatment using the polypeptide,

Group II, claim(s) 3-6 & 9-14, drawn to a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 4 or 5 encoding the polypeptides or phospholipase of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3 ? **(According to Table 1, polynucleotide sequences of SEQ ID Nos: 4-6 encode polypeptides of SEQ ID Nos. 1-3 respectively).**

Group III, claim(s) 7-8, drawn to a method of detecting a polynucleotide capable of hybridization to the compliment of SEQ ID NO: 4 or 5.

Group IV, claim(s) 16, drawn to antibody to the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3.

Group V, claim(s) 17-18 & 20, drawn to agonist or antagonist & method of treatment using the antagonist.

2. The inventions listed as Groups I-V do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

Group I has a special technical feature of an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, which groups II-V do not share; Group II has a special technical feature of a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or 5, which groups I and III-V do not share; Group IV has a special technical feature of an antibody to SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3, which groups I-III and V do not share; Groups III & V employ the polypeptide or nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3 (polypeptide) or SEQ ID NO: 4 or 5, however, in view of 37 CFR 1.475 (b), when claims corresponding to different categories of invention are present then only (3) applies and additional methods of use are deemed to lack unity.

Also, according to PCT Rule 13.2, unity of invention exists only when the shared same or corresponding technical feature is a contribution over the prior art. Applicants' claim 1, recites 'SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3 and fragments thereof. There is no limitation to the size or function of the fragments, and will therefore read on di or tri-peptides. Sigma (1993), Item catalog No. G6887 is a tri-peptide consisting of amino acids 'Gly-Gly-Arg', which

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are identical to Applicants SEQ ID NO: 1, residues 51-53, therefore, the shared same or corresponding technical feature is not a contribution over the prior art. Thus the various groups discussed above show a lack of unity of invention.

3. "A telephone restriction requirement was not made in this application due to an explicit request by Incyte and their policy of not making elections in response to telephonic restriction requirements."

4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

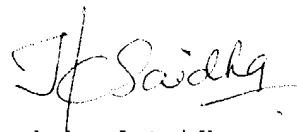
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tekchand

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Saidha whose telephone number is (571) 272 0940. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 am - 5.00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapu Achutamurthy can be reached on (571) 272 0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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